

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on date, four projects have been proposed in private sector in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The details of these projects and their brief status is as follows;

1. *CCGT Project Bawana Ph. I (421 MW)*

M/s Reliance Industries have been selected as developer for the project. The PPA has to be finalised between GNCTD and the promoter.

2. *Bawana Ph. II (600-650 MW)*

Developer is being selected through two-part bidding process. Evaluation of 1st part has been completed and 6 parties have been qualified to submit detailed bids to whom Request For Proposal (RFP) documents have been furnished.

3. *Multi fuel based small power plants (50-100 MW)*

10 sites in Delhi have been identified for setting up small power plants of capacity 50-100 MW.

4. *Apollo energy Power Station 300 MW (coal based)*

Apollo Hospital Group signed an MOU with Ministry of Power for setting up a 200 MW power plant on CFB technology. Later, the capacity of the plant was increased to 300 MW. A letter of comfort has already been issued by DVB to the company. Further action is in hand by Apollo Hospital authorities of firming up all inputs and clearances as well as for drafting of PPA. However, in the meantime, a public interest litigation (PIL) has been filed in Hon'ble Delhi High Court by Dr. B.L. Vadhwa requesting for quashing of the MOU. During the last hearing on 23.9.1997 the Hon'ble High Court has ruled that pendency of the case in the court would not prejudice the right of the authorities to proceed further with the project.

[English]

**Clearance to Power Projects**

44. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided that the power projects upto Rs. 1000 crores need not require clearance of Union Government;

(b) if so, whether the decision implies environmental clearance also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) All the power projects of private generating companies costing more than Rs. 100 crores (in case of projects awarded through Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Letter of Intent (LOI), etc., route) and costing more than Rs. 1000 crores (in case of projects awarded through competitive bidding) have to obtain techno-economic clearance of the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) and (c) All the power projects have to obtain the environmental clearance as per the guidelines notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time.

[Translation]

**Indian System of Medicine**

45. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to encourage the Indian system of medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the number of people likely to be benefited under the said scheme; and

(d) the percentage of amount spent by the Government on the promotion of the Indian system of medicines out of the amount being earmarked for the Health care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) Beneficiary of these schemes are Governmental and Semi Governmental and other institutions, who in turn benefit individuals, therefore it is difficult to grantify the exact number of beneficiary.

(d) Out of total funds of Rs. 1997.80 crores earmarked for health care, Rs. 56.80 crores earmarked for the promotion and development of Indian System of medicines i.e. 2.84 per cent during the year 1997-98.

**STATEMENT**

The Government has set up a new Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in March 1995 for the development and promotion of these system including Yoga & Naturopathy in the country. Details are as follows:—

- (i) Strengthening of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy Education Institutions, Financial Assistance is given for upgradation of facilities in educational institutions of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy.
- (ii) Standardisation of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy drugs, setting up of Laboratory facilities for the testing of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy Drugs.
- (iii) Re-orientation training to in-service Teachers, Physicians and Researchers.
- (iv) (a) Development and cultivation of Medicinal Plants used in Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy medicines.  
  
(b) Scheme for Development of Agro-Techniques & Cultivation of medicinal plants.
- (v) Strengthening and establishment of premier Institutes in these systems of Medicine such as National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta, Institutes of Post-Graduate Training & Research in Ayurveda-Jamnagar, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidhyapeeth, Delhi, National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore and National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune.
- (vi) Research in Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy is supported through various Central Councils of Research in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy, Yoga and Naturopathy.
- (vii) Central scheme for functioning of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani Pharmacopoeia Committees to develop Pharmacopoeial standards for ISM Drugs, and standardization of drugs and testing of drugs through the Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy pharmacopoeia laboratory of Gaziabad.

*[English]***ISRO Flooded**

46. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the headquarters of the Indian Space Research Organisation were inundated with rain water recently;

(b) if so, the extent of damage done to scientific equipments or other things; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) The basement of Antariksh Bhavan which houses the Department of Space and the Headquarters of the Indian Space Research Organisation in Bangalore was inundated by unprecedented rain on the night of September 30, 1997 and morning of October 1, 1997. This caused flooding and sudden gushing of water into the building. The flooding occurred mainly due to the fact that Bangalore City received as much as 17.98 cms of rain during the period of around 24 hours and also because of the inadequacy of area drainage system in the locality.

The basement area where the Library, Conference Room, Seminar Hall, Record and Stationery Rooms and Telephone Exchange are located, was affected. However, timely action taken by the Department to drain out the stagnated water early minimised the loss. No scientific equipments are located in the basement. Hence, there was no damage to them. The total loss is approximately Rs. 16.75 lakhs.

Since flooding of Antriksh Bhavan was mainly due to gushing of water from the adjoining areas, the local Municipal Authorities have been approached to improve area drainage system and also to ensure clearance and desilting of the drainage network at regular intervals for their functional efficacy.

**Satellite Launching**

47. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the News item captioned, "US Okays firing laser to disable satellite" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated 4th October, 1997;